

Deterioration in Primary Education

**^t305. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has conducted a national level survey and brought out the fact that level of primary education in the country has been deteriorating;
- (b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that more than 50 per cent students drop their studies after passing fifth class; and
- (d) if not, what is Government's assessment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No such national survey has been conducted by NCERT recently.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) and (d) Gross Drop out rates in Class I—V for the year 1998-99 (provisional) was 39.74% as per the Annual Report of the Department, 1999-2000.

Welfare Schemes for Women and Children

^t306. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 707, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2000 and state:

- (a) whether Government have allocated any funds to States for implementation of schemes for Welfare of Women and Children in various States of the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the allocated and sanctioned amount has been utilized.
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore; and

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